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ISS expands with Russian docking module



▲ **ISS Update:** The International Space Station gained another entryway yesterday when Pirs, the new Russian docking compartment, docked automatically to a port on the Zvezda service module as the station orbited 250 miles above Mongo-

lia. After docking, the Expedition Three crew checked to make sure there was a good seal between the Station and its new module, then began to equalize pressure between the two craft prior to the first opening of the hatch to Pirs. The new Russian component is an additional docking port for future Russian vehicles arriving at the station, an added stowage area, and an airlock for the Russian segment. Three spacewalks from Pirs are to be conducted in October and November by the Expedition Three crew to electrically mate the Docking Compartment to Zvezda and install more equipment on the outside of the module.

▲ **KSC Technology Transfer Week, Sept. 24-28** – KSC's annual Technology Transfer Week is designed to heighten awareness of new technology reporting and commercialization activities. Those activities include marketing KSC technologies, patenting, licensing, dual use and the Space Act Monetary Awards program. The Tech Transfer pop-up display will be located in the lobby of the OSB Sept. 24 - 25; the LCC Sept. 26; and HQ Sept. 27 - 28. Technology Transfer representatives from NASA, USA, Boeing and Dynacs will be available to discuss the technology reporting process with their employ-



Tech Transfer Week starts Sept. 24

ees and to answer questions. Please stop by to learn the benefits and rewards that can result from new technology reporting. For further information, please contact Pam Bookman, 867-6381 or e-mail pamela.bookman-1@ksc.nasa.gov

◆ **KARS Park Marina/Banana River** – As of Sept. 16, the KARS Park Marina/Boat Ramp is closed until further notice. This also includes the “No Motor Zone” at the north end of the Banana River for non-motorized vessels. At present there shall be no vessels (motorized/non-motorized) allowed north of the power lines north of the barge canal. Any questions or concerns should be directed to Bob Giesey, KARS Park Manager, 867-3891.

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- ◆ VAB F Gate Badging Station
- ◆ PIDS 1, Phillips Parkway near CCAFS South Gate
- ◆ PIDS 3, NASA Causeway near Gate 3
- ◆ SSPF main elevator lobbies

If you have any questions concerning the ID tag program, please contact the SGS Security Awareness Office at 861-5146 or e-mail SecurityA@jbosc.ksc.nasa.gov.

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